

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15003–S15037

Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2433–2435, S.J. Res. 26, and S. Res. 395–397. **Page S15031**

Measures Reported:

S. 2062, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–238) **Page S15031**

Measures Passed:

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. **Pages S15010–11**

Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology: Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, recognizing the 2007–2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors. **Page S15037**

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 Temporary Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4252, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15037**

Measures Considered:

Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act—House Message: Senate began consideration of the House amendments to the Senate amendments to accompany H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government. **Pages S15004–09**

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the Senate amendments to the bill. **Page S15007**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 416), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill. **Pages S15004–09**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the House message be returned to the Secretary's desk. **Pages S15012–13**

Farm Bill Extension Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S15013–25**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date. **Page S15013**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15013**

Harkin (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs. **Page S15014**

Brown Amendment No. 3819 (to Amendment No. 3500), to increase funding for critical Farm Bill programs and improve crop insurance. **Page S15014**

Klobuchar Amendment No. 3810 (to Amendment No. 3500), to improve the adjusted gross income limitation and use the savings to provide additional funding for certain programs and reduce the Federal deficit. **Pages S15014–19**

Chambliss (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3711 (to Amendment No. 3500), relative to traditional payments and loans. **Page S15019**

Chambliss (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3687 (to Amendment No. 3500), to prevent duplicative payments for agricultural disaster assistance already covered by the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund. **Page S15025**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3807 (to Amendment No. 3500), to ensure the priority of the farm bill remains farmers by eliminating wasteful Department of Agriculture spending on casinos, golf courses, junkets, cheese centers, and aging barns. **Page S15025**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3530 (to Amendment No. 3500), to limit the distribution to deceased individuals, and estates of those individuals, of certain agricultural payments. **Page S15025**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3632 (to Amendment No. 3500), to modify a provision relating to the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. **Page S15025**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at ap-

proximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 10, 2007. **Page S15037**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under Patent Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 109–12) with one reservation;

Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (Treaty Doc. 109–21) with nine declarations; and

Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110–2) with one condition. **Pages S15036–37**

Messages from the House: **Pages S15030–31**

Measures Referred: **Page S15031**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S15032–34**

Additional Statements: **Page S15030**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S15034–36**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S15036**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—416) **Page S15009**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:14 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15037.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.